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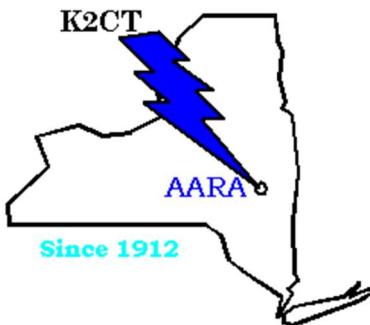
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AARA Meeting
Friday, JAN. 11 2019

Bethlehem Town Hall
445 Delaware Ave.
Delmar, NY 12054

Social Hour 6:50PM

Refreshments

soda, coffee, water, cookies

AARA Jan. Meeting

Contesting
Propagation
WARM Award
Operating
FT8

Please PAY your Dues.

AARA Dues

Dues cheerfully accepted,
Dues are \$20.

B-PLUS Newsletter sent via the
K2CT Web page in .pdf format

Checks should be made out to
AARA and sent to:

Saul Abrams, K2XA
307 Maple Rd.
Slingerlands, NY 12159

www.k2ct.org

Bethlehem Town Hall
LAT 42°37'12.8"N
LONG 73°50'25.4"W

AARA B-Plus JAN. 2019

Contesting

November 2018

Jan

Hungarian DX Contest	1200Z, Jan 19 to 1200Z, Jan 20
North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Jan 19 to 0600Z, Jan 20
ARRL January VHF Contest	1900Z, Jan 19 to 0359Z, Jan 21
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Jan 21
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jan 23
CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW	2200Z, Jan 25 to 2159Z, Jan 27
REF Contest, CW	0600Z, Jan 26 to 1800Z, Jan 27
BARTG RTTY Sprint	1200Z, Jan 26 to 1200Z, Jan 27
UBA DX Contest, SSB	1300Z, Jan 26 to 1300Z, Jan 27
Winter Field Day	1700Z, Jan 26 to 1700Z, Jan 27

Feb.

Vermont QSO Party	0000Z, Feb 2 to 2400Z, Feb 3
10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB	0001Z, Feb 2 to 2359Z, Feb 3
Black Sea Cup International	1200Z, Feb 2 to 1159Z, Feb 3
Mexico RTTY International Contest	1200Z, Feb 2 to 2359Z, Feb 3
FYBO Winter QRP Sprint	1400Z-2400Z, Feb 2
Minnesota QSO Party	1400Z-2400Z, Feb 2
British Columbia QSO Party	1600Z, Feb 2 to 2400Z, Feb 3
AGCW Straight Key Party	1600Z-1900Z, Feb 2
FISTS Winter Slow Speed Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Feb 2
North American Sprint, CW	0000Z-0400Z, Feb 3
ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Feb 5
CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	0000Z, Feb 9 to 2400Z, Feb 10
SARL Field Day Contest	1000Z, Feb 9 to 1000Z, Feb 10
Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint, CW	1100Z-1300Z, Feb 9
Dutch PACC Contest	1200Z, Feb 9 to 1200Z, Feb 10
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Feb 9 to 2359Z, Feb 10
KCJ Topband Contest	1200Z, Feb 9 to 1200Z, Feb 10
FISTS Winter Unlimited Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Feb 9
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	0100Z-0300Z, Feb

AARA WARM Award

The following is information about the most recent recipient of the WARM Award:
Clarence Annett, WA5SWN, Shawnee Mission, Kansas
worked the following all on 20 meter SSB except as noted:

W4GOD, Albany, GA on 15 meter SSB on 21 OCT 2000;
KS2O, Albany County, NY on 26 MAR 2006;
WK2H, AARA member on 24 MAR 2007;
KG2RG, Albany, NY on 30 MAR 2008;
WA3AFS, AARA member on 17 OCT 2009 and again on 15 meters on 18 OCT 2014;
KM2O, AARA member on 15 OCT 2011;
WA1KKM, AARA member on 20 OCT 2018; and
K2XA, AARA member on 20 OCT 2018.

Clarence's certificate was #141 and was endorsed All SSB.

Bud Hovey WF2B bud@wf2b.com

***** AARA CONTESTERS ON THE AIR *****

2018 CQWW DX CONTEST -- CW RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	COUNTRIES	ZONES	CLAIMED	SCORE
NX2X	SO (H)	1197	336	102	1,575,	288
N2LBR	M/2	1317	321	95	1,551,	264
(+WA1KKM)						
W2GDJ	SO (H) A	657	341	102	801,	387
N1JP	SO (H) A	473	218	64	378,	444
W2EG	SO (L) 40M	303	85	23	92,	880
N2ZX	SO (H) A160M	207	81	25	59,	360
WK2H	SO (L) A	124	66	15	29,	079
WA3AFS	SO (H) 160M	36	33	13		4,370

2018 ARRL 160-METER CONTEST RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	MULTS	CLAIMED	SCORE
K2XA	SO (H)	1100	118	306,	328
N2SQW	SO (H) A	350	86	68,	456
W2GDJ	SO (H) A	300	80	50,	640
W2EG	SO (L) A	363	49	34,	404
WA1KKM	SO (H)	184	49	18,	914
WA3AFS	SO (H) A	70	67	11,	792

2018 ARRL 10-METER CONTEST RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	QSOs	MULTS	CLAIMED	SCORE
W2GDJ	SO (HA) CW	284	53	60,	208
W2EG	SO (H) CW	91	28	10,	192
WA3AFS	SO (L) MX	7	6		156

73,
Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR sue.walt@dososaur.com

FCC Outlines Impact on its Operations of Potential Funding Lapse

ARRL 01/02/2019

The FCC said in a January 2 ***Public Notice*** that in the event of a continued partial lapse in federal government funding, it will suspend “most operations” at mid-day on Thursday, January 3. Some systems that have gone dark in prior government shutdowns will remain operational this time, however. That includes the FCC website, although it will not be updated except for matters related to spectrum auction activities and those necessary for the protection of life and property until normal operations resume. The FCC *Daily Digest* will continue to appear.

The Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), the Universal Licensing System (ULS), the Electronic Document Management System (EDOCS), and the Commission Online Registration System (CORES) will remain available, but no support will be provided except that necessary for spectrum auction activity. Processing of Amateur Radio applications will come to a halt, however, said ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) Assistant Manager Amanda Grimaldi, N1NHL.

Also down will be the Consumer Complaint Center and the Experimental Licensing System, among several others

Still available will be the Network Outage Reporting System (NORS), the Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS), the Public Safety Support Center (PSSC), the Licensing Management System (LMS), the Consolidated Database System (CDBS), the Auctions Public Reporting System (PRS), the Auction Application System, and the Auction Bidding System.

“All other Commission electronic filing and database systems will be unavailable to the public until normal agency operations resume,” the FCC said

Albany County Winter Field Day

The Albany County Winter Field Day is apparently a go. Albany ARES/RACES (ACACES), in cooperation with the Albany County Sheriff's Critical Incident Emergency Management Division and AARA, will set up HF facilities in Field Day mode on the last weekend in January at Lawson Lake County Park in Feura Bush (a bit south of Delmar) Friday, January 25, 2019, through Sunday, January 27. Rules are similar to ARRL Field Day in June with the major exception of fewer bonus points. We plan to keep this initial outing rather simple to gain experience.

<https://www.winterfieldday.com/>

Emergency communications in a winter environment is just as important as the preparations and practice that is done each summer but with some additional unique operational concerns. This exercise will take place under possibly adverse winter conditions. Operation will be indoors (heated) in a lodge at the park with rudimentary kitchen (water for washing and drinking must be brought in, though microwave, toaster oven and refrigerator are available) and sanitary facilities (outdoor portajohns). We will plan to operate the full 24 hour period starting Saturday at 2 PM. There will be limited (12 hours total by the rules) setup starting at 2 PM Friday and continuing Saturday morning. Present plans are for one station (possibly two) on commercial power, laptop logging and wire antennas with operation in SSB, CW and digital. We do not expect that this is for everyone, but if you want to join in this unique exercise, please sign up.

Please register for the event via ARES Connect where the event is now posted. If you have not yet done so, the ENY Portal to ARES Connect is at <http://vhub.at/aresconnect-env>. Please use your callsign in CAPS as your username. Once processed, you will see this in the events calendar where you may find additional details and sign up. Any questions please contact me directly at km2o@arrl.net

Thanks to the Albany County Sheriff's Office for making this outstanding facility available at no charge and to AARA for its cooperation and assistance.

73,

Dave KM2O

Section Emergency Coordinator
ARRL Eastern New York Section
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Capital District Traffic Net

The Capital District Traffic Net is in desperate need of people to check in and help us out. We only get 3 or so check ins a night and only one picks up traffic. If we want to continue this service to our local amateurs we need your help. Net times and locations follow:

Monday thru Friday at 18:30 local time on the N2LEN repeater 147.150 with a PL tone of 114.8. Echolink node 6269. On Saturday and Sunday CDTN is on the TARA N2TY repeater 145.170 with a tone of 127.3 Echolink node 618264

The K2ALB 146.640 Albany Emergency Services repeater with a tone of 100.0 is our backup system and we use it routinely for the last net of each month.

73, Mike, WO2H
Asst. EC Rens Co.
ENY STM



Michael Wiley wrote:

Four guys each, at two heights, 58 ft Rohn tilt over, TH7DX. F3 tornado pulled screw in anchor three foot out of ground before oversized cable snapped. But my yard of concrete is still there.

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